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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following message may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

**TNAU Organized International Conference on “Global Perspectives in
Crop Protection for Food Security - GPCP 2021**

An International Conference on “Global Perspectives in Crop Protection for Food Security” (GPCP 2021) was inaugurated in commemoration of Golden Jubilee celebrations at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University on December, 8, 2021. The conference was organized by Centre for Plant Protection Studies, TNAU and it will be held for three days from 8th to 10th December. The inaugural function of the conference was held on the forenoon of 8th December at TNAU.

Dr.N.Sathiah, Professor and Head, Department of Entomology, Organizing Secretary welcomed the gathering. Dr.K.Prabakar, Director and Organizing Chairman gave an outline of the conference and cautioned about the outbreak of Fall army worm, rugose spiraling whitefly, false smut, coconut root wilt and nematode in guava in changing climate and insisted for redefining innovative changes in Integrated pest and disease management research, with minimum usage of pesticides in the present scenario.

Dr.S.K.Malhotra, Agriculture Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Farmer’s Welfare, Government of India, New Delhi inaugurated the Conference online. He appreciated the concept of conference and emphasized on Green chemistry, biodegradable pesticides, new molecules, Labelling of biocontrol agents, drone application, conducting trials for standardization of new molecules and bio stimulants. He also emphasised on synthetic pesticides, organic farming, recent continuous inflow of invasive insect pests, which need immediate management strategies.

Padma Vibhushan Shri Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Founder Chairman of M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai gave the greetings message. Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad, Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore gave the keynote address and insisted on the food production challenges in 2050, climate variability, pest and disease management to sustain food production and to revive the economic growth. Mr. S. S. Vaseeharan, Deputy General Manager of NABARD, Chennai offered felicitation and emphasised on the importance of pesticide free quality food production. Dr. A. S. Krishnamoorthy, Acting Vice-Chancellor and Registrar of TNAU presided and deliberated on the invasive pest and diseases, patenting the technologies, collaborations with industries for global perspectives and released conference publications.

Dr. G. Karthikeyan, Professor and Head, Department of Plant Pathology, TNAU proposed vote of thanks. Five hundred and seventy five delegates including sixty-three invited speakers comprising of 17 foreign speakers and stake holders from various parts of the world participated both virtually and offline.

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